

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5346
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000
EXPORT OF WHEAT TO BANGLADESH
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India have been exporting wheat to Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the price at which the wheat is exported to Bangladesh;
- (c) whether some State Governments have urged the Union government to supply them the wheat at the price at which the same is exported to Bangladesh; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUDHARI)

- (a) & (b) : Wheat is being made available by FCI for export through the three Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) namely STC, MMTS and PEC. STC and PEC have reported exporting this wheat to Bangladesh in the range of US\$ 110 to US\$ 120.
- (c) Yes, Sir. A request for allocation of wheat @ Rs.415/- per quintal in favour of the Tea Industry in West Bengal has been received from the West Bengal Government.
- (d) The Government of India allot foodgrains (rice and wheat) under TPDS only to States/UTs and not any private organization. Therefore, it is not possible to allot wheat to or in favour of tea industry in West Bengal or elsewhere. The State Government were advised that they may instruct the tea industry to purchase wheat from FCI under open market scheme (Domestic) OMSS(D) at rates applicable for West Bengal State.